

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13
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A RESOLUTION to give accolades to Coach Tracey Berry and the Page High School Patriot Volleyball Team upon winning the 2002 TSSAA Class A/AA Volleyball Championship.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Page High School volleyball team has devoted a significant amount of time and effort to practicing and perfecting its skills; and

WHEREAS, The Page High School Patriots achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002 season, garnering a 57-7 record overall and earning a trip to their third consecutive state volleyball championship; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary team successfully defeated three opponents in pool play without losing a match, progressing flawlessly through the elimination round of the tournament; and

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WHEREAS, On October 25, 2002, at Middle Tennessee State University, the Patriots achieved a convincing victory over DCA to be crowned TSSAA Class A/AA champions for the third straight year; and

WHEREAS, On the road to their third consecutive state championship, the Patriots also earned first place in the Page Classic and were undefeated in the district and regional championships; and

WHEREAS, Significant individual honors were awarded to sophomore Katie Arvidson who was named All-District, All-Region, and All-State; junior Jamie Sly who was named All-District and All-Region; senior Rachel Vanderburg who was selected two-time All-District, All-Region, and All-State; and senior Emily Perilli who was chosen three-time All-District, All-Region, and All-State, and three-time Most Valuable Player in the state; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding championship team was composed of freshmen Leslie Coffman and Leah Olivares; sophomores Katie Arvidson, Ashley Balding, Alyssa Berry, Jesi Kring, and Jennifer Spencer; juniors Amber Ford, Jessica Park, Jamie Sly, and Sara Smith; and seniors Jenna Monks, Emily Perilli, Nina Skaggs, and Rachel Vanderburg; Head Coach Tracey Berry and Assistant Coach Kathie Martin provided expert guidance and leadership to these young women as they dominated A/AA volleyball competition in 2002; and

WHEREAS, The volleyball players at Page High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; they inspired the Page student body and united their entire community while completing their triumphal championship run through the 2002 season; and

WHEREAS, The dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship volleyball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Page High School Patriots for winning the 2002 TSSAA Class A/AA State Volleyball Championship and serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Tracey Berry and the Page High School Patriots on their remarkable 2002 season and state championship. In becoming TSSAA Class A/AA state volleyball champs, the Patriots have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young women who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.